THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) This Ministry is not aware of any re-export arrangements offered by Turkey.

(b) According to the latest provisional commodity-wise trade data, India's imports of agricultural products from Turkey in the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 amounted to Rs 22.12 crores and Rs. 24.75 crores respectively. India's exports to Turkey were of the order of Rs. 2.54 crores and Rs. 9.46 crores respectively during these two years. The main items of export from India included hessian cloth, tea processing machinery, spices and henna.

Ex-gratia Payment

1699. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under which the Central Government have agreed to pay *ex-gratia* amount of relief to the next of kin of those killed in riots/terrorist actions; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed (year-wise) since 1st January, 1984 till 31st October, 1987 in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) the number of cases in which no such *ex-gratia* amount was sanctioned and the number of cases where such amount has been sanctioned till date; and

(d) whether the State Governments have also made any proposal in this regard; if so, the response of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no Central scheme for payment of *ex-gratia* amount of relief to the next of kin of those killed in riots/terrorist action. However, the Central Government has issued guidelines on rehabilitation of and payment of *ex-gratia* grant to the victims of communal riots and it is upto the State Governments to adopt these guidelines.

(b) and (c) The Central Government is not monitoring any such information in view of the fact that the payment of relief is to be made by the State Governments.

(d) No proposals have been received from the State Governments in this regard as rehabilitation assistance is to be given by them

Measures to reduce Trade Imbalances between India and France

1700. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that India and France have agreed on a set of specific measures to reduce the imbalance in bilateral trade:

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard,

(c) what is the present position of trade between India and France; and

(d) the extent to which the imbalance in bilateral trade is likely to be removed as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) During the discussions at the 6th session of the Indo-French Joint Com-

mittee held in October 1987, France agreed to support the Indian position for improved access to the EEC markets in respect of some products of export interest to India as well as to help in the product development in some of the selected sectors.

(c) The bilateral trade turn-over during the last few years has been as follows:

(Rs. crores)

	Imports from France	Export to France	Trade balance
1984-85	346·72	201·81	—144·91
1985-86*	572·71	195·19	—377·52
1986-87*	668 76	274 26	—394 50
1987-88*	243 37	81 31	—162·06
(April-June) 1987-88* (April-June)	151 65	51 21	—100 44

*Provisional.

(d) Implementation of different proposals agreed upon at the last Joint Committee meeting holds out a possibility of the bilateral trade imbalance being considerably redressed.

Pension Cases of Freedom Fighters of Orissa

1701. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pension cases of freedom fighters from Orissa pending with his Ministry;

(b) what is the number of such cases which have been pending for more than three years and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken for their speedy disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) During the special drive in July-August last year, all pending cases except 19 from Orissa were disposed of. However, these 19 cases havve also snce been disposed of. Some of the cases which were rejected have filed applications for review.

Border Dispute between Orissa and Andhra Pradesh

1702. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the border dispute between Orissa and Andhra Pradesh in respect of 140 Orissa villages known as Kutia group of villages still exists: and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government to resolve the ssue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa had filed a sut in the Supreme Court